

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A connector housing ~~(10)~~ comprising at least one contact-holder module ~~(2)~~, a frame ~~(1)~~ for receiving this module ~~(2)~~ and a stirrup ~~(3)~~, for purposes of coupling with a complementary connector ~~(4)~~, that can be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for housing ~~(10)~~ and complementary connector ~~(4)~~, characterized in that stirrup ~~(3)~~ has means ~~(5)~~ for holding module ~~(2)~~ in a position for locking module ~~(2)~~ in frame ~~(1)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to claim 1, further characterized in that means ~~(5)~~ for holding the module are arranged so that they are active when the stirrup is in position for coupling housing ~~(10)~~ and complementary connector ~~(4)~~ and inactive when the stirrup is in the decoupling position.
3. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further characterized in that module ~~(2)~~ and frame ~~(1)~~ have first complementary latching means ~~(8, 10)~~ for holding the module in locking position in the frame.
4. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further characterized in that module ~~(2)~~ and frame ~~(1)~~ have second complementary latching means ~~(8, 9)~~ for holding the module in a set-back position for pre-mounting of the module in the frame.
5. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, further characterized in that first means ~~(8, 10)~~ for latching

module (2) in frame (1) comprise a spring digit (8) borne by the frame and a first stop element (10) borne by the module.

6. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to claim 5, further characterized in that the spring digit cooperates with a second stop element (9) borne by the module to create the second latching means (8, 9).
7. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, further characterized in that stirrup (3) is a stirrup sliding in the frame crosswise to the direction for coupling the housing and the complementary connector, means (5) for holding the module comprising a cross rail (5) that rests on a shoulder (7) of a rib (6) of module (2) to lock module (2) in frame (1).
8. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claims 1, further characterized in that module (2) and stirrup (3) comprise complementary means (6, 11) for preventing a maneuvering of the stirrup when the module is not in locking position.
9. (Currently Amended) The connector housing according to claims 7 and 6, further characterized in that complementary means (6, 11) for preventing a maneuvering of the stirrup are made up of said rib (6) and a frontal edge (11) of said rail.